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- Between 1 and 10 March 1951, the Hubertus Kaserne on the north side of Flemminger Weg, Naumburg, quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. The Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemminger Weg was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets. On 7 and 8 March, all Germans employed in the installation were barred from entering the billeting area. A convoy of 60 to 80 motor vehicles left the two installations on Flemminger Weg at about 5 a.m. on 8 March. Most of the vehicles were trucks, each of which carried about 25 fully equipped soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets. The convoy included 10 jeeps which were occupied by officers and mounted light machine guns. No motor

the troops left toward Jena for field exercises. Residents of Alt Flemminger said that about 30 trucks of the convoy towed four-wheel artillery pieces with pneumatic tires and barrels about 3 meters long. In spite of the departure of the troops, all windows of the two installations were lighted on the evening of 9 March. lights were turned on in an effort to disguise the absence of the troops from the installations. Scarcely any training activity was observed in the two billeting areas during the first 10 days of March. Trucks

were seen at the Hubertus Kaserne, and motor vehicles at the Bluecher Kaserne. *

- The Hindenberg Kaserne quartered troops who wore black-bordered ruby-colored and red-bordered black epaulets. A group of 20 captains and majors was seen leaving the installation toward the town on 5 March. Units averaging 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered ruby-colored epaulets were repeatedly seen training in the billeting area. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

Nothing was heard of a departure of the troops from the installation.

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3. The Bismarck Kaserne was occupied primarily by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Numerous officers were seen in the installation. Except for a pistol firing practice of 15 officers outside the billeting area, no regular training activity was observed. On 8 March, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets strung field wires from the installation toward the former drill ground. Motor vehicles observed at the Bismarck Kaserne.

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4. The former Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court) seemed to house a high-echelon headquarters. Numerous officers of all branches of service, who wore well-tailored uniforms and carried folders under their arms, were daily seen entering and leaving the building. A general who was seen there several times wore one star about 40 mm in diameter on his epaulets and red stripes on his trousers. **

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when all troops are at the post, the Oberlandesgericht quarters the Hq XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps; the Barbara Kaserne the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps; the Hindenburg Kaserne, and the Bismarck Kaserne the Hq 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div, a divisional driving school, the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps and, possibly, an artillery or AAA unit; the Hubertus Kaserne and the Bluecher Kaserne on both sides of Flemminger Weg the 170th and 172nd Gds Itz Rifle Regts, the 655th How Arty Regt, the 89th (?) Gds Sig Bn and the unidentified engineer battalion, all of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div; and the Jaeger Kaserne an unidentified unit.

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